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Cupid And An Easter Hat

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Conservative Lake City was treated to three sensations in one week.

First, James Douglas, from Glasgow, Scotland, by way of Chicago, opened "The Fair," Lake City's first real department store, with "red letters" and "special hour" sales, a gleaming soda fountain and all the other features of up-to-date shopping life.

Second, among the frock-coated door-walkers installed in this modern shopping life was "old Douglas's" own son, Carter, late of Harvard, and more recently returned from a pedestrian trip through the British Isles.

And what is more, he was curtly informed by his paternal parent that he would be expected to keep the regular hours and live off the salary drawn by other eighteen-week door-walkers of the establishment.

And, thirdly, Marjorie Davis, after a prolonged and most unpleasant hour with the family lawyer, who had found that the late Henry Davis had left nothing but a heavily mortgaged home and some worthless, wildcat investments, defied the family council of uncles, aunts and cousins who offered herself and mother the pick of various homes.

"She would make her own way," she announced with spirit—and the very next day all Lake City society was shocked to hear that Marjorie Davis was behind the ribbon counter at "The Fair."

Just the same, after recovering from the shock, Marjorie's little world flocked to her counter, just as shrewd old James Douglas had figured the world, and be-sought the one-time popular debutante to twist and turn ribbon into bows of all sorts and conditions.

And while Marjorie's relatives stared and Mrs. Douglas wept, the "old man" chuckled.

"Fine woman, that Davis girl! No nonsense about her! And as for that boy of mine, no man ever learned business methods bending over a ledger. I made my money pleasing the public, and you don't study the public in a stuffy rear office. I can get \$10 a week clerks to keep my books. I want my boy to be a merchant prince."

A fourth party, altogether invisible, also took a hand in the game of commerce—and his name was Cupid. He saw his chance and began to choose arrows.

All of these, however, missed the mark. Young Douglas watched from the tail of his eye Marjorie's droll, slender white fingers flashing in and out of the shimmering ribbon, but his glance seemed glued to her work. A formal "good morning" or a request for a credit check or his signature on a deposit marked the limit of their conversations.

For, as the other maidens openly angled for the young man's favor, Marjorie held herself more and more aloof. She was not ashamed of her occupation, but she proposed to maintain her position as a gentleman.

And Carter Douglas misinterpreted. He knew her history and he thought, not without some bitterness, that she wanted to make him see that even in her poverty he recalled outside her social pale. The Douglas family were distinctly "new." The Davis family were of the city's latest social circle, though in not by wealth, but by pioneer blood, family estates and war records.

Such was the situation when Easter loomed up on the horizon. Marjorie, beaming over accounts, bows and spring military, realized with a faint sense of amusement that this year her Easter hat was a real problem.

Of course she had only to copy a hint before Miss Sylvia that she needed one, and a hat would be forthcoming, but so far her salary and the tiny income of her mother had sufficed to keep them independent and quite content.

This had meant the dying of all her old-time finery—and that was just why the Easter hat was a problem. A veritable riot of dying to make the demands of mourning had exhausted even a well stocked wardrobe, trunks, hat boxes and all. She would simply have to buy a complete spring hat.

This meant \$10 at least, and Marjorie realized that with her present knowledge of values, to say nothing of the store discount, she could duplicate for \$10 any hat for which she had paid \$20 or \$25 in the old days. So she drew up with great satisfaction a roll of crisp dollar bills, ten in all, which she had saved for just such an emergency.

So matters stood when her mother was seized with the grip. The doctors ordered calves' foot jelly, white grapes and eggs and cherry.

Four days before Easter and the ten dollars had dwindled to five. She compromised a smart sailor with three ribbon bows to match. She would buy it on the morrow. And the next day word came to the store that one of the cash girls must be operated on at once or lose her hearing. Marjorie's name headed the subscription list.

This afternoon in a frenzy of despair she bought the three-toned ribbons, and the next morning the char woman of her little cottage sent word that her baby had and there was not a cent in the house! Marjorie had just closed her purse when the postman handed her a square envelope addressed in cursive which she recognized at a glance.

An opera star was to sing at the cathedral on Easter morning. Carter wrote. Admission by card only and he was fortunate enough to have secured two. Would she accompany him to the Easter service?

Marjorie's one vulnerable point was music. There was no time to answer the letter by mail, but that morning while young Douglas was signing a credit check for her, and the other clerks were busy further down the aisle, she said to him you to think of me. I do love music and I have never heard Madame—

"I'll call for you at ten," he said with a most businesslike flourish of his pencil, as a cash girl came running up. And Cupid laughed for the first time in many days.

That night the deluge. In her delight

at the prospect of hearing wonderful music Marjorie had forgotten the distinctly feminine problem of an Easter hat. Laying forth the wonderful new blue-green bows, she ransacked every trunk in the house for a straw shape that was even possible. But dye and rain had done their worst. No shape was forthcoming. In twelve hours Carter Douglas would call—and she would be hatless.

"I'm worse than a three-dollar-a-week cash girl. If course I can go in my winter hat. It may turn cold and stormy."

Easter morning proved balmy and sunlit beyond her greatest fears. She looked at the velvet hat, its black feathers the worse for various dyes, and her feminine pride was touched. She spent the last 15 cents of her ten-dollar military fur to send a small messenger with word to the Douglas mansion on the hill that she was too ill to attend the services at the pro-cathedral.

It did seem as if never in all her life had she wanted to go out as she did that day. The little cash girl in the hospital would be glad to see her, the dear woman's heart was heavy and her children would no doubt enjoy some candy Easter eggs. But again she forbade. She would live out her miserable life.

At 3 in the afternoon glancing out the front window, she gave a gasp of dismay and ran from the living room, leaving her mother to admit the tail, correctly garbed Carter Douglas. A few minutes later the puzzled little mother came upstairs.

"He says he's sorry to hear you are ill—and oh, Marjorie, such Easter lilies as he has brought! Just like when your poor dear father lived. But you didn't tell me you were ill. Oh, my dear, you are so self-sacrificing—"

Marjorie fluffed her hair and patted her nervous mother's cheeks in a whirlwind of unpleasant emotions. Then suddenly she flung up her head and ran lightly downstairs, pausing in the doorway before the astonished young man, a vision of slim, graceful, healthy young womanhood.

"I owe you an apology, Mr. Douglas," she said with a lovely flush. "I was not ill—just foolishly proud about a trifle. I failed to make connections with an Easter hat and so—"

Carter Douglas had wisdom beyond his years. He did not laugh. He just dropped the Easter lilies on the old mahogany table which had been in the Davis family for seven generations and took both her hands.

"I don't care about the music. I don't care about anything except that at last I am here with you. You are the most wonderful girl; the old man thinks so, too. It would just kill him to death if we lit it off. Do you think you could care about me?"

Marjorie withdrew her hands from his firm clasp and for a second or two gazed at him in startled wonder; then something in his face, his honest gray eyes, sent the color flying to her face again.

"Oh, you funny, funny boy," she said, but her tones were not full of laughter. They rang with tender joyousness. And she hid her face in the lilies, great bunches of faint-rose beauty, the price of which she realized with feminine humor devoid of romance would have paid for two hats!

RECIPE MAKES THE KIDNEYS ACTIVE

Simple Recipe Overcomes Terrible Cases of Rheumatism and Bladder Trouble, Also Without Causing Any Harm

To make up enough of the "Dandelion treatment," which is claimed to be relieving nearly every sufferer who uses it for backache, kidney complaint, urinary troubles, bladder and rheumatism, get from any good prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Karpur, and three ounces Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

Those who have tried it claim that it acts gently, but thoroughly on the kidneys, relieving backache and bladder trouble and urinary difficulties almost instantly. Many cases of rheumatism are known to have been relieved within a few days, the pain and swelling diminishing with each dose.

A well-known local druggist, who is in a position to know, asserts that this prescription, wherever it becomes known, always ruins the sale of the numerous patent medicine rheumatism cures, kidney cures, etc. It is a medicine which the majority of patent medicine manufacturers, and even certain physicians dislike to see published. Few cases, indeed, which will fail to fully yield to its peculiarly soothing and healing influence. Being composed of common, every-day ingredients, which can be had from any druggist, it makes up a good, honest and harmless remedy and at nominal cost.

HISTORIC CHURCH IN BERLIN BURNED

BERLIN, April 14.—The historic garrison church in the Neue Friedrichstrasse dating from 1763, was completely destroyed today, together with numerous ancient regiment shot tower flags, carried in several wars, which decorated the central aisle of the church. Only one of these flags was saved.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 14.—Marconi message from Cape Sable reports the Stander 189 miles southwest, bound west, at 9.15 a. m.

NEW YORK DON'T WANT BRYAN

State Democrats Turned Him Down

Delegates Who Favored Him as Candidate Were Defeated Yesterday

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